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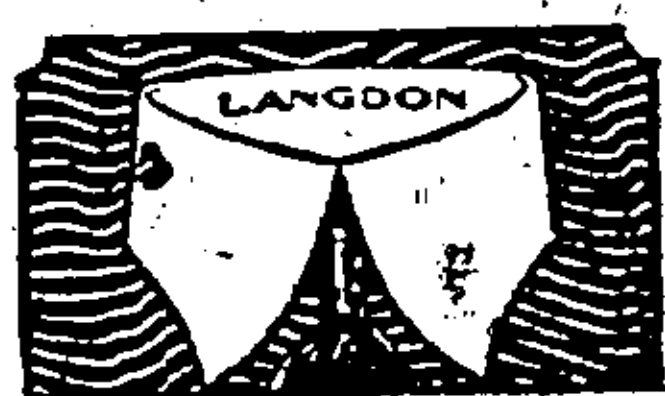
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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail)

EGYPT AND THE EMPIRE.

MR. CHURCHILL'S AMBIGUITY CAUSES AN AGITATION.

LONDON, February 27.
There has been considerable agitation in Egypt over the summary of Mr. Winston Churchill's speech at the Reading banquet cabled on February 14 attributing to him the statement that Egypt was part of the Empire. It appears that what Mr. Churchill said was that this principle (common consultation among the members of British Empire) would be found to have its usefulness in relation to countries and nations as far apart and as widely different as Ireland and Egypt, while, after referring to Sir A. Bannerman's solution of the difficulties in South Africa, he expressed confidence that in a few years our present difficulties would be greatly diminished and the nations now a reproach and a stumbling block to the supreme cause that the English-speaking union has at heart may be found managing their own affairs within the elastic circle of the British Empire.

BRITAIN AND AMERICA.

ALARMIST FEARS OF TROUBLE RIDICULED.

LONDON, February 28.
In the course of a valedictory address at a Pilgrims' banquet, Mr. Davis ridiculed the reports spread by alarmists regarding possible trouble between Britain and America. Neither country had legitimate aims which the co-operation of the other would not promote and neither was likely to sacrifice traditional unwillingness to throw difficulties in the scales of justice for the verdict of impartial minds. Mr. Davis admitted the existence of enemies who would undermine British and American friendship but we should forestall them in the open.

ARCHDEACON WAKEFORD.

APPEAL AGAINST CONSISTORY COURT'S DECISION.

LONDON, February 28.
The judicial committee of the Privy Council has granted Archdeacon Wakeford leave to appeal. The Archdeacon pleaded that the judgment of the Lincoln Consistory Court was not in accordance with the facts, also that fresh evidence had been discovered and that one of the assessors of the court had pre-judged his case by a statement he made on the eve of the trial.

CUSTOMS CONFERENCE.

UNIFORM IMPERIAL CERTIFICATE SOUGHT.

LONDON, February 28.
The imperial customs conference held its first meeting at the Board of Trade office. Australasia, Canada, South Africa, Newfoundland, India, and the Colonies were represented. Sir Robert Horne, presiding, outlined the advantages of the adoption of a uniform imperial customs certificate.

A BRITISH COLLEGE IN PARIS.

PARIS, February 27.
The French Government has placed at the disposal of the Paris University a large plot of ground for establishing in Paris a British college. The idea is receiving heartiest support on both sides of the Channel. A committee has just been formed in London headed by Lord Burnham and the Chancellor of the University of London.—Vale.

TRADE DEPRESSION.

RAY OF SUNSHINE IN PREVAILING GLOOM.

LONDON, February 28.
In the prevailing gloom in the iron and steel trades a welcome ray of sunshine comes from Teeside where after having been closed for two years for reconstruction of the first steel furnace, the North-Eastern Steel Works have restarted. It is understood that more furnaces are starting shortly.

TOWAGE FEAT.

SALVAGE AWARD TO PACIFIC LINER.

LONDON, March 1.
The sum of £17,500 has been awarded to the 4,500 ton Pacific liner "Huancho" which responded to an "S.O.S." in mid-Atlantic from the "British Peer," 4,900 tons, which had lost its propeller in a gale. The "Huancho" brought the "British Peer" 1,561 miles to Barrow amid most stormy conditions necessitating the most skilful manœuvring, the greatest long-distance towage feat on record.

IMPORTANT AMERICAN SUPREME COURT DECISIONS.

WASHINGTON, March 1.
The supreme Court has decided that the Lever anti-Profiteering Act is unconstitutional, although the Government has availed itself of the Act many times. The Supreme Court has decided that the Federal Farm Loan Act is constitutional. Loans to farmers aggregating millions of dollars have been withheld pending decision.

OUR LOST COAL MARKETS.

HOPES OF RECOVERING THEM FROM AMERICA.

LONDON, February 27.
In the House of Commons at question time, the Hon. Mr. Bridgeman said that the quantity of coal exported from the United States to Europe during the year ending June, 1913, was 476,000 tons; from Australia 100,000 tons, and from China 28,000 tons. The amounts in 1920 exported from the United States were 13,283,000 and from Australia 113,000. The quantity from China was not known. He was not without hope of our recovering the coal market from America.

THE DOLLAR.

Today's closing rate 2/4 3/8
Today's opening rate 4/5 7/8

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

The annual prizegiving of the St. Mary's School, Kowloon, took place informally yesterday morning. Mr. E. Ralphs, Inspector of English Schools presided and there were present the Rt. Rev. Bishop Pozzoni and the Very Rev. Father P. de Maria, Correspondent of Roman Catholic Schools.

The prizes were distributed as follows:—
Prize for Biblical Knowledge given by the Rt. Rev. D. Pozzoni—Paulina Lopes.

Lugard Scholarship (1921-1922).—Maria E. Alves.

Dr. A. Gomes, Kt., S.G., Scholarship for Regular Attendance.—Irene Awhée, Laura Carvalho, Rita Xavier, Avelina Souza, Angelina Silva, Celeste Gil, Peter Xavier, Angelina Baptista, Jacob Yumankhan.

Class 1.—Senior Local Certificate Prize, Paulina Lopes (distinction in Biblical knowledge).

Class 2.—Junior Local Certificate Prizes, 1st prize, Laura Carvalho (distinction in Biblical knowledge); 2nd prize, Beatrice Bliss (distinction in Stenography); 3rd prize, Aurelina Gomes, Agnes Vichy, Idalina Remedios, Elsa Alves (all distinction in Biblical knowledge), Queenie Chester.

Class 3.—1st, Maria E. Alves; 2nd, Rita Xavier; 3rd, Annie Urquhart, Hortencia Jorge, Helena Jorge.

Class 4.—1st, Helena Noronha and Maria Rosario; 2nd, Avelina Souza; 3rd, Marjorie White, Cecilia Noronha, Consuelo Garcia, Lydie Oliveira, Molly D'Almeida.

Class 5.—1st, Lydia Osmund; 2nd, Angelina Silva, Gertrude Chan, Maud Chan, Laura Gomes, Stella Silva.

Class 6.—1st, Albertina Garcia; 2nd, Eliza Alvares, Celeste Gil, Maria Basto, Alda Alves, Louisa Wellington, Maria Eca da Silva.

Class 7.—1st, Henrique Noronha; 2nd, Peter Xavier; 3rd, Maria Afeniza, Dulce d'Aquino, Angelina Baptista, Olga Ribeiro, Zelinda Gomes, Ida Eca da Silva.

Class 8.—1st, Joao Gonsalves; 2nd, Jacob Yumankhan; 3rd, Julia Xavier, Teresa Sanches, Kathleen Hyndman, Alda Britto.

Class 9.—1st, Cynthia Alves; 2nd, Mercedes Xavier; Olga Gil, Margherite Xavier, Elvira Rosario, Bella Pestonji, Augusta Noronha, Florie Wong, Gracina Fuentes, Vicente Xavier, Carlos Gomes.

Class 10.—1st, Ida Noronha; 2nd, Kathleen Maxwell; 3rd, Paulo Botelho, Eduardo Gutierrez, Carmen da Rosa, Luiz da Rosa, Elsa Britto, John Lawrence, Agnes Chan, Arthur Chester, Cynthia Garcia, Sophie Normanthy.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail.)

FRENCH SOLDIERS MURDERED.

LONDON, February 28th.
A Cairo telegram says that a French officer and a number of soldiers have been murdered near Damascus and the Hedjaz Railway has been torn up at three places.

STEAMER COLLIDES WITH DESTROYER.

WASHINGTON, February 28th.
One person was killed and 15 are missing as a result of a collision between the steamer *Steel Monitor* and the United States destroyer *Woolsey*, off Panama. The *Woolsey* sank, but the accompanying destroyers save most of the crew.

TRAINS IN COLLISION.

PORTER (INDIANA), Feb. 29th.
Thirty persons were killed and many injured in a collision between two trains belonging to the New York Central and Michigan Central Railways.

TEST MATCH.

STONEY, February 28th.
Australia, in the first innings, made 202 runs, Macartney contributing 170 and Gregory 82.
England, in the second innings, had scored 280—Douglas contributing 68—at the close of play.

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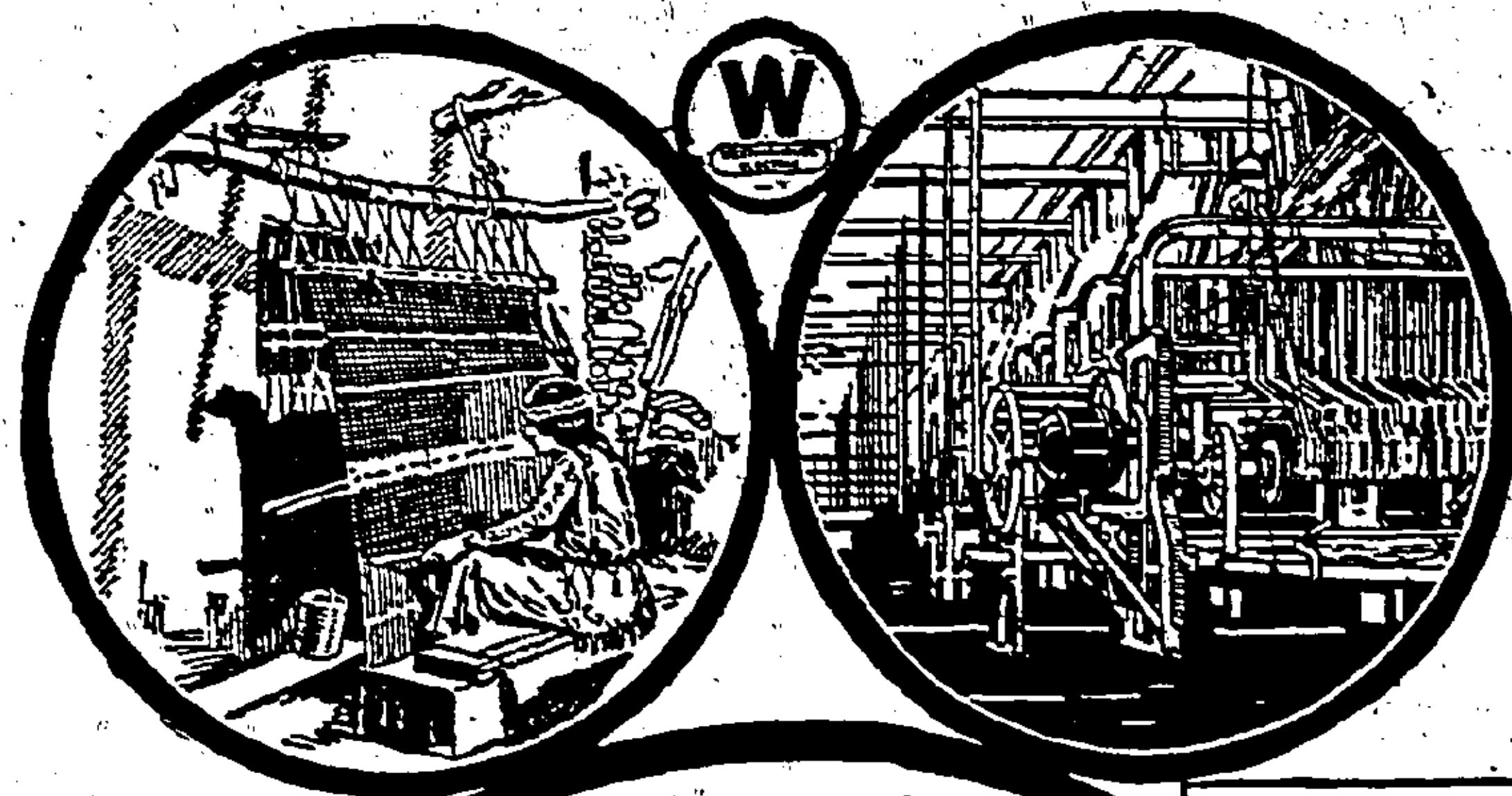
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military orders and documents in the
handwriting of that national hero
General Wolfe, vividly recounting
the subtle and laborious operations
culminating in the memorable battle
of Quebec. These extraordinarily
important papers passed to Wolfe's
second-in-command, Brigadier-
General the Hon. Robert Monckton,
whom Wolfe greatly admired, and
trusted, and the dossier is to be offered
on Feb. 10 by their present posses-
sor, Mr. George Monckton, of Fine-
shade Abbey, Stamford. Of param-
ount interest are the "Secret In-
structions," on twelve folio pages, inspired
by Pitt, and signed by King George
III. "For our Trusty and Well-beloved
James Wolfe, Esq., Brigadier-General
of Our Forces in North America, and
Major-General and Commander-in-
Chief of a Body of Our Land Forces
to be employed on an Expedition
against Quebec by the River St.
Lawrence. Given at Our Court at
St. James's, the fifth day of Feb.
1759, in the 32nd year of Our
Reign."It is doubtful whether certain por-
tions of this strategic State paper
have ever been published, although
it is now obvious that a very careful
plan of action was thought out, with
Wolfe in concert. A few days after
receiving these "Secret Instructions"
he sailed from Spithead, and, as his
troops proved, seven months later they
were fulfilled to the letter at the cost
of Wolfe's life. This military genius
of only 32 years of age had infected
both the King and Pitt with his
own steadfast belief in his capacity
to surmount every obstacle. Even
as a boy of 13 he had succeeded
in being accepted as a volunteer
in his father's regiment, but a child-
ish illness intervened. Yet at 15
he actually obtained his commission,
and at 16 acted as adjutant all the
day at the sanguinary battle of Det-
tingen. And some of us know that
Wolfe's example inspired many a
gallant British lad to join up before
his time in 1914.As showing that the Court and
Pitt believed thoroughly in Wolfe's
star ("They say he is mad," ex-
claimed George III, adding, "I wish
it was true, and that he would 'bille
some of my generals'"), these
"Secret Instructions" presumed that
Wolfe would triumph, because they
proceeded to give orders concerning
the occupation of Quebec.In case by the Blessing of God
upon Our Arms, you shall make your-
self Master of Quebec. Our Will and
Pleasure is that you do keep pos-
session of the said Place for whichpurpose you are to appoint out of
the Troops under your Command a
sufficient and ample Garrison under
the command of such careful, and
able Officer as you shall judge best
qualified for so important a Trust,
effectually to defend and secure the
said Place; and you will immediately
make, in the best manner practicable,
such Repairs to the Works as you
shall find necessary for the Defence
thereof, until you shall receive further
instructions from Us. And you are
forthwith to transmit an exact
Account, to be laid before Us, of the
States and Condition of the said
Place."MADNESS OF THE GRANADIERS."
It is in the letters to his second-in-
command that Wolfe expounds many
of his plans, especially in that of
Aug. 17, 1759, in which explicit
orders are given with reference to
the five "flat-bottom'd" boats for
the transport of those fearless High-
landers who were to form a part of
that memorable scaling party which
scrambled from the narrow beach of
the Anse du Foulon up the cliffs of
the Heights of Abraham, to the dis-
may and astonishment of Montcalm
and his troops. As students of history
know, a mad effort had been made
on July 31 by the Granadiers and
Royal Americans, in utter disregard
of orders, to make a frontal attack
on the French after climbing a steep
hill at Point Levis. Professor
Bradley, commenting on this, states:
"The mad and brief exploit, for
which no officer high or low was re-
sponsible, cost Wolfe 443 men, in-
cluding thirty-three officers," and he
proceeds to describe it "as one of
the most unaccountable incidents in
our military history, for the Granadiers
were picked men from three regi-
ments at Louisbourg."But in this dossier is a letter
written by Wolfe, five days earlier,
to Monckton, who was in command
of Point Levis, which may be of
great importance in elucidating the
mystery. This runs:
"If I should want a subaltern officer
and twenty or twenty-five men
scrambled from the narrow beach of
the Anse du Foulon up the cliffs of
the Heights of Abraham, to the dis-
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were picked men from three regi-
ments at Louisbourg."How much of this leaked out to
the Granadiers at Beaufort? Fur-
ther, did they misunderstand Wolfe's
plans, which were for later execution?
It is most pertinent to add that on
the day following this disaster Wolfe
wrote to Monckton another impor-
tant letter (also in the dossier), stating
with much impetuosity: "This
check must not discourage us; the
loss is not great. Keep the men in
gentle exercise. Drive away all
your superfluous sutlers, and prepare
for another, and, I hope, a better**THE LATEST IDEA.****PERISCOPE FOR MOTOR
TROUBLES.**Automobiles are more artistic than
they were formerly, but it is harder
for the mechanic to repair them
because of this conformity to style.
In some cases it is almost impossible
to do any repair work without taking
the body off the chassis. This is
because a desire to improve the
appearance has made the manufac-
turer forget that looks alone will not
run the engine.To meet the difficulty a periscope
which allows the motorist to find out
what is wrong with the car without
taking it to pieces has been invented.
The dark interior or the transmission
is revealed and the stubborn wrist
pin in the crankcase can be seen
without actually crawling under the
car.The periscope consists of two mir-
rors mounted on a long and flexible
rod. It is easy to make this device
by taking an ordinary watch crystal
and having it silvered on one side—
protection is afforded by the concave
crystal.The two small mirrors are held
apart by a piece of heavy wire, the
mirrors being first inserted in metal
rings to make it possible to attach
them and adjust them to the appro-
priate angle.attempt." These Monckton papers
are, indeed, alive with testimonials
to Wolfe's greatness. In one lengthy
document he propounds a scheme
for improving the colony of Nova
Scotia after the victory, of which he
was always assured:The Settlers must be in security.
They learn to live in the woods, as
the Indians do, to keep 'em in a con-
tinual apprehension of being attack'd,
to acquire a perfect knowledge of
the Lakes and Rivers and Hunting
Grounds of the Savages, instead of
shutting themselves up in Forts and
Block Houses. Old Indian officers
are by no means fit for the protection
of this Colony and for the never-
ceasing war that should be made on
the Indians. . . . The American
Rangers are for the most part lazy,
cowardly people; the best men they
get upon the Continent for that
service are Irish vagabonds and
convicts.Also entirely in his hand are the
articles of capitulation contemplated
by Wolfe after his success at Quebec.
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PLAIN TALK ABOUT CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM.

So far as the Colony's newspapers are concerned, the *Daily Press* is the only one that has striven wholeheartedly and seriously on behalf of the Constitutional Reform Association. The *China Mail* has taken, so far as its serious side is concerned, the attitude of the candid friend, the sympathetic critic. This morning's editorial appears with a very dignified and transparently earnest resume of the position, and suggestions for further procedure. In the course of its long article we find a reference to "cheap sneers." We hope that is not meant for our contributor, "Adversarius," our licensed jester, who referred to the subject facetiously during race week. He knows little about the movement, and has confided to us that he cares less. Believing that the chances of the C.R.A. are now hopeless for another decade at least, we decided that his antics could do no hurt, and let him say what he pleased. His enquiry "what time the C.R.A. would pass the Monument" was not a sneer. However, it may well be that we are excusing what has never been excused. Let us pass on to the few plain words that we consider necessary for the guidance of those of our readers who have not made up their minds about this business.

We ourselves think "Adversarius" was unfortunate in naming Messrs. Cartwright and Holyoak as the chief champions of the movement toward Constitutional Reform. If there be one man in the Colony by whom the proposed

reform is most dearly and devoutly cherished, that man must be Mr. Pollock. A few others show keenness (like the *Daily Press* editor this morning) but if we are to be honest we must admit that the strength of public opinion is not represented by the attendance at the public meetings (which were free shows) nor by the "upwards of 500 signatures" attached to Mr. Pollock's petition to the Secretary of State (many of which were due to kindly complaisance, or "friendly pigging"). To continue our policy of candour, local social experience indicates that while ardent adherents of the movement have to be looked for, fairly earnest opponents appear as readily as weeds in a bed of lettuce seedlings. There are some who dread any augmentation of the influence of the Chamber of Commerce. "If the present bureaucratic system be King Log," they argue, "the change, with the Chamber of Commerce as an electoral corporation, would mean a case of King Stork." Those who do not know the fable can understand that the frog appellants found the Stork a worse king than the Log they got deposed.

The difficulty of the advocates of reform all along has been that they were not in a position to fight for a pure principle. The big frogs among them were as firmly convinced as their opponents that a great number of little frogs must not want the robber baron slain. That would never do.

Change the image, and think of the "robber barons." Bureaucracy as the robber baron sets its castle on a hill commanding a road we all must travel, and levies tribute on us all. The reformers do not want the robber baron slain; his castle pulled down, and an open road established. They fear they will be killed in the rush. They ask that "there" and their friends, be exempted from this bureaucratic thim; that for them, so to speak,

a short cut be made leading behind the castle.

It was this sort of thing that "Adversarius" probably had in mind, when he mentioned that this problem develops more and more problems, the longer we look at it. It is like that long range shell the Germans used, which toward the end of its flight discharged another that carried on.

It may be of interest to mention that the Chinese are not in sympathy with the C.R.A. They are satisfied, so far as their own interests are concerned, that the present arrangements are better for them than the proposed reform would be. The Governor nominates their representatives. He does this very carefully, and under advisement, knowing that they would repudiate any unsuitable nominees. Thus (say their spokesmen) they escape the bothers and dangers of the elective system, and yet get the very men they would probably have elected if all had gone well.

As regards the Europeans we have already indicated a prevalent indifference. Most of them don't really care. None know this better than the more public-spirited reformers, who, before assailing the wooden image of bureaucracy, have to rally their "supporters" into a semblance of concern. Our contemporary expresses faith in ultimate success. In one way we agree. Success will come, but not so soon as he hopes, and not on the lines he has chosen. He is admittedly asking only for the thin end of a wedge, and the C.R.A. would be as fearful as anyone else of the entire wedge getting in. The present Crown Colony system will, we believe, go eventually, and our constitution will suffer changes that the C.R.A. itself would oppose. But how far in the future that event crones, waiting, we cannot tell. Meanwhile, like many other people, though we can see that reform is desirable, we are not so personally interested in it that we suffer loss of sleep or of appetite over the flat denial we have lately met.

OF MOVEMENTS PROGRESSIVE OR OTHERWISE.

Lilies tell not, neither do they spin. The motor-cyclist, out for a spin, does not toil as did his predecessor on the push-bike. He manipulates gadgets that control petrol feed and spark, and talks technically of developing horsepower. To the side-car passenger of lily-like temperament, content to bask wherever sunshine is, and merely grow, it seems that there is more need for developing horsepower. It seems that around these sharp turns to Repulse Bay he is being swung at an eighty mile speed, and he vows that should he survive long enough after the smash, and have the strength, he will kick in the face of his companion, dead or alive. Then he learns that their speed was never in reality more than twenty. But why even twenty, if ten be comfortable? He is told of certain technical advantages that he does not understand; and as to horse-sense, he reflects that idle horses in a pasture will gallop for the joy of it. Perhaps, he reflects, joy in quick motion is normal, and may private exultation of the snail is abnormal and unhealthy. Drinking tea at the road-house, heart beating regularly again, he has time to ponder the argument.

It begins with this new Einstein nonsense. If Aristotle was partly right, all movements are in curves. Not in circles, certainly. But never in straight lines. We live in a state of curves. The shortest distance between two points is a conceived straight line, but never an experience. Living on an oblate spheroid, the shortest practical distance between two points on the periphery must be curved. What of what the navigators call Great Circle sailing? Moreover, given a sufficiently extensive periphery, we must have the illusion that the section of it we occupy is flat, level, straight. Every curve consists of a number of microscopically short straight lines. Quite so. Assume that the observer occupies a "lift" or elevator, falling at a known speed. Assume that a ball is shot horizontally from one side of it, at a muzzle impetus equal to the known speed. Although we know that the ball drops somewhat as it goes, to make the initial declinations of its parabola, it will appear to strike the wall of the lift at a point exactly opposite the point from which it was fired. The observer drops twenty feet in one second of time. The ball travels twenty feet in one second of time, and must be regarded as dropping with the observer, as well as dropping by gravitation. In all our astronomical observations we are in the position of the man in the lift. We cannot get outside the universe. Perhaps, if we could (get beyond the conditions of the lift well) we might find ourselves where there really are straight lines, and where two and two do not make four. We assume the constancy of all our factors in all our calculations.

Anon we are in a richia, whose movements are erratic and in-

calculable, and anon in a sailing boat with a very light breeze and a very strong tide. To progress in a desired direction a distance equal to the length of one steamer—the *Pearleaf*, for example,—we cross the harbour four times. Eventually, after a voyage whose sole object was to loaf in the sunshine, which could have been attained at anchor, we are on a street car, making for the original point of departure. Our pen then gallops up and down and roundabout upon a paper superficies, to record all these movements, and to suggest—what? Thoughts of their utility? Not that, for the gnat in the sunshine contradicts it. Their essential mystery and wonder? But, according to the man who uses the lift without shooting mental bullets across it, the man who, for instance, is undisturbed by the thinking of Einstein, there is nothing mysterious and nothing wonderful about such everyday movements. Perhaps there isn't. In that case, however, there is no mystery and no wonder in the lily, which toils not, nor spins. If there be anything in the theory of relativity, we may submit, if only as a hypothesis, that the gnat in the sunshine is relatively wiser than the human thinker.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Annual Meeting of Rate-payers of Shamen was held yesterday afternoon at the British Consulate.

The engagement is announced between Henry Lardner Denys, junior, 2nd son of Mr. H. S. Denys of "The Elms, Thames Ditton," England, and Miss Sybil Mary Clarke, daughter of Captain W. E. Clarke of Hongkong.

One non-fatal case of cerebro-spinal fever, Chinese, was reported yesterday. Last week five Chinese died from influenza, two from cerebro-spinal fever, two from plague, one from small-pox, and one from diphtheria. One non-fatal case of para typhoid fever, Portuguese, and two non-fatal cases of cerebro-spinal fever, one French and the other Chinese, were also reported.

A lot of Crown land on Coronation Road, Kowloon, having an area of 39,172 square feet, was yesterday sold by auction at the offices of the Public Works Department for a term of 75 years. There was considerable competition, the land being finally knocked down to Mr. So Ching-shan, of No. 52, Queen Victoria Street, at \$38,420, (\$11,917 more than the upset price). The annual rental is \$450.

The feat of Flight-Captain Ro-manet of the French air service in covering a measured distance at a speed of 192 miles an hour by aeroplane, shows that we are already in sight of the rate of 200 miles an hour which, ten years ago, seemed the utmost possible limit of air achievement. There are few to-day who would set bounds to the possibilities ahead, but we shall have to wait a good many years before anything like planetary speed is attained; the earth, for example, rushes on its orbit at a cool 66,000 miles an hour and rotates at 1,000 miles an hour. With the constant advance in practical flying speeds will come the greater commercial use of aircraft. It is significant that in Germany aeroplanes are now employed to carry mails from Berlin to the Rhine, and that the charge for letters is only an extra fifth of a penny.

AMERICAN SHIPPING.

RUIN BY PROHIBITION.

The leading American steamship owners pleaded with the Committee of the House of Representatives at Washington that unless the recent decision of the United States Attorney-General prohibiting the sale of liquor aboard American ships be overruled the United States flag, on passenger ships at least, will be driven from the seas. In support of their claim the shipping men, amongst whom was Mr. Franklin, of the International Mercantile Marine, declared that cancellations of bookings by American ships were made by wholesale the moment the Attorney-General's announcement was published. It was impossible to compete for steerage traffic from such countries as Spain and Italy, whose laws required the serving of wine with meals. General counsel for the Anti-Saloon League opposed the proposed amendment, on the ground that it would make the enforcement of prohibition harder, and suggested that if the steamship owners were patient the liquor handicap would be removed, because as he asserted, "the whole world will soon be dry."

LOCAL VERSE.

BALLAD OF THREE BROTHERS.

When O'Flanagan died from his
guns and decoys,
He left never a cent to his three
elkmy boys;
So the one turned a sailor
And one turned a tailor
And one turned a peddler of clocks
and of toys.

The sailor he sailed the wide world
up and down,
Bent his knee not to man, nor to
priestcraft or gown;
He fought for his country,
Gained medals, no bounty,
His name was extolled both in
county and town.

The tailor soon bossed in his own
natty shop,
Had ruined his master, then bought
for a sop;
His labour he sweated
And customers cheated,
'Monst the profiteers he climbed
right to the top.

The peddler he peddled and bric-a-
brac sold,
He married a widow, who brought
him much gold;
Then he dabbled in shares,
For the suckers set snares,
Grew rich and exceedingly haughty
and bold.

To Littleputiana, to fair Riverside,
The tailor and peddler removed full
of pride:
They were pompous and stout,
Much affected by gout,
Of the Club became members, a
marvellous stride.

By some sorry chance now to fair
Riverside
Came the sailor, engaged in a swift,
downward glide:
In the war lost a leg,
Could not steal, would not beg,
Sorely hampered, you know, by pro-
fessional pride.

Quite concerned his two brothers
held council of war,
Said the peddler: "This is too dis-
tressing by far:
'He is only a sailor,
'I broker, you tailor,
'And both of us Club-men, well
known at the bar."

"A crippled, poor sailor, with medals
of brass—
'We are certainly living in houses
of glass!
'What a pitiful farce,
'It is quite on the cards
'He will spoil our prestige, will this
silly old ass."

They invited our sailor for after-
noon-tea,
'T was a drink he had never been
used to, you see.
He expired that night,
And, relieved from his fright,
For the tombstone his brothers did
marble decree.—J. R.

THREE SMALL FIRES.

GRASS STACK BURNED.

CANDLE IGNITES MOSQUITO NET.

About 7.45 p.m., yesterday, the Fire Brigade received a call to No. 11, Kwong Yuen Street, West Point, to attend to an outbreak on the second floor. Two engines turned out but on arrival found they were not needed, the fire, which was caused by a naked candle igniting a mosquito net, having been put out without difficulty by the inmates.

The Kowloon Brigade was called out last night to attend to a fire at No. 105, Hoklosun, Kowloon City. It arrived about 10.30 p.m. to find the flames had already been extinguished by the district police assisted by the villagers. The cause of the outbreak is unknown. Damage was done to property to the extent of \$300. The house was not insured.

Early yesterday evening, immediately on their return from Kwong Yuen Street, the Hongkong Brigade was again called out, this time to the foreshore at Shaikwan East. They arrived on the scene in good time and found a stack of grass well alight. Several hoses were played on the flames for nearly two hours before the fire was extinguished. The damage done to the grass is estimated at about \$150.

FRESH COMEDIES FOR THE FAR EAST.

The coming of the H. B. Waring Company will be eagerly anticipated, with their all-star caste of London artists and long list of the latest comedies. One of the most popular plays in their extensive repertoire is "Officer 666," which has made such a big hit in England and the United States, whilst its Australian tour, with Fred Niblo in the lead, was almost a record one. Mr. Waring has just returned from London, and whilst arranging on behalf of Eastern Tours, Limited, for the Royal Opera Company to come out East, brought with him a number of new plays, including "A Grain of Mustard Seed" and a charming one-act play entitled "The Marchmakers." The Waring Company are dawling to the close of their Indian tour and are leaving behind them a record of which they have every reason to be proud.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MORE QUESTIONS BY MR. POLLOCK.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM.

KOWLOON HOSPITAL, PEAK TRAMS, AND BOUGHT CHILDREN.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on Thursday, March 3, at 2.30 p.m., the Hon. Colonial Secretary will first table the Financial Minutes and the Report of the Finance Committee No. 1, and then move the following Resolution:—

Whereas it is "expected that the total Revenue derived from Light Dues (Special Assessment) since the introduction of the rates at present in force will exceed in the current year the sum of \$1,104,293, being half the cost of the Typhoon Refuge at Mongkoktsui:

And where as an undertaking was given that this Special Assessment would not be continued after the above-mentioned sum had been raised unless a new Resolution should first be proposed to the Legislative Council:

And whereas, in view of the financial requirements of the Colony, it is expedient to continue the collection of Light Dues at the present rates:

It is hereby resolved by this Council that Light Dues shall continue to be collected at the rates laid down in Table P of the Schedule to the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, No. 10 of 1899.

HON. MR. HOLYOAK'S QUESTIONS.

The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak will ask the following questions:—

(1) Will the Government state when they hope to open the separate Maternity Ward of the Barker Road Hospital?

(2) Have the recommendations of the Coroner's jury on the "Tai O" tragedy been carried out as regards two European Policemen being stationed at out-stations?

(3) Will the Government, in view of the recent tragedy at West Point, wherein several persons lost their lives and many were injured, take steps at once to prohibit the sale of all so-called "Bombs" in this Colony, and further to enforce existing legislation against the throwing of crackers, stones or other missiles from verandahs of houses and buildings into the roadway?

(4) In view of the general and considerable increase in motor traffic in this Colony, and the probability that it will still further increase ere long, will the Government appoint a small committee to enquire into and revise traffic conditions and regulations?

HON. MR. POLLOCK'S QUESTIONS.

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., will ask the following questions:—

(1) Will the Government include in the Hongkong Hansard all Legislative Council Questions which have been answered in the *Government Gazette*, together with the Answers to such Questions?

(2) Will the Government include in the Census which is being compiled this year, a Census of Chinese who have been bought?

(a) for purposes of adoption;

(b) for domestic service?

(3) When will work be commenced on the Kowloon hospital site? What steps are being taken to expedite the building of such hospital?

(4) Is it the fact that, without alteration to the passing points, cars can be put on the Peak Tramway to hold 60 passengers each instead of 40? If so, will the Government, in view of many people being frequently crowded out of the cars, urge the Peak Tramway Company to put on such larger cars at an early date?

(5) Will the Government lay upon the table the correspondence between

(i) His Excellency the Governor; and

(ii) The Hongkong Government and the Secretary of State for the Colonies upon the subject of Constitutional reform, since the Public Meeting in January, 1919, at which resolutions were passed in favour of

(i) An Unofficial majority on the Legislative Council;

(ii) The abolition of Government nomination in regard to all the non-Chinese members of that Council; and

(iii) Enlarging the body of electors?

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The Hon. Attorney General will move the second reading of the Bill intitled An Ordinance to amend the Vehicles and Traffic Regulation Ordinance, 1912, and the second reading of the Bill intitled An Ordinance to amend the "Widows' and Orphans' Pension Ordinance, 1908.

A man who is believed to be the last of the four jail breakers who escaped from Victoria Jail on November 15, 1919, after murdering Wardens Speed and Harrum Singh, is now being detained by the police. He was arrested by the Canton authorities in Nanhui, and extradited to Hongkong, arriving here yesterday. The man will be charged in due course. The other three men were arrested at different times and all were convicted and duly executed.

HOTEL BAR FRACAS.

REVOLVER FLOURISHED.

MANAGER THREATENED.

John Strout and Walter Theroux, freshmen of the American s.s. "William H. Webb," were this morning charged before Magistrate Lindsell with the unlawful possession of a revolver and five rounds of ammunition, and behaving in a disorderly manner in the public bar of King Edward Hotel last night.

Both defendants admitted being drunk and "a bit noisy" but denied ownership of the revolver produced.

Mr. Job Wittich, manager of the Hotel, said that about 9.45 last night the defendants, and two other men came to the hotel in rickshas. They had an argument outside the hotel over the fares and made a lot of noise. Eventually they entered the bar and the first defendant ordered drinks for the party. Witness refused to serve the man who was already intoxicated. The second defendant and the other two men appeared to him to be sober. When the first defendant was refused drinks, he used very disgusting language. He walked up to the counter and challenged everyone in the bar to fight saying he would blow out the brains of every one present. His friends gathered around him and tried to pacify him but he remained truculent. Witness ordered the first defendant out of the bar. Defendant then held a revolver which witness did not see him draw. Witness telephoned for the police. On his return to the bar the first defendant tried to get behind the counter but was prevented by his friends. The first defendant did not have the revolver then. As the witness was trying to get the first defendant out of the bar, second defendant walked up to him, and pulling out a revolver, said "I will put this through your brain." He actually pointed the revolver at witness' head. Eventually the first defendant was got out. The second defendant followed him and they had a fight among themselves outside, later returning and again ordering drinks. Refused again, the first defendant picked up a chair and threw it among some blue-jackets who were playing billiards at the far end of the bar. Another chair was thrown into the counter. With the assistance of some blue-jackets and Marines, witness put the first defendant out of the bar and held him until the arrival of the police. Sergeant Fender searched the second defendant, and found the revolver (produced) on him. He thought that the first defendant must have dropped his revolver in the struggle, as none was found on him.

Stoker F. J. Holmes of H.M.S. "Titania" said he saw the first defendant draw a revolver and second defendant take it away from him. First defendant threw chairs about and was generally looking for trouble.

Private A. J. Snell, R.M.L.I., of H.M.S. "Curlew" who was playing billiards when the trouble started, and helped to put first defendant out said that the latter bit him on the right hand, but the injury was not serious.

First defendant: I bit you?—Yes.

Who hit me on the head?—I know nothing about that.

Sergeant Fender, who arrested the defendants, said that the first was covered with blood from a wound on the left side of the head, and had his coat and shirt off. The revolver found in the second defendant's breast pocket, was loaded in all five chambers.

The first defendant in the witness box admitted that he was intoxicated and rather noisy, but denied that he had threatened Mr. Wittich with the revolver. He never possessed or had occasion to possess a revolver in his life.

Second defendant also denied that he ever carried a revolver in his life. The one produced in Court he picked up from the floor of the bar after the struggle and handed it to Sergeant Fender as soon as he arrived.

Stoker King of H.M.S. "Curlew" said he "chummed" up with the second defendant earlier in the evening and went about town with him eventually dropping into the King Edward for "a wet." He was present throughout the quarrel in the bar but did not see either of the defendants with a revolver in his hand.

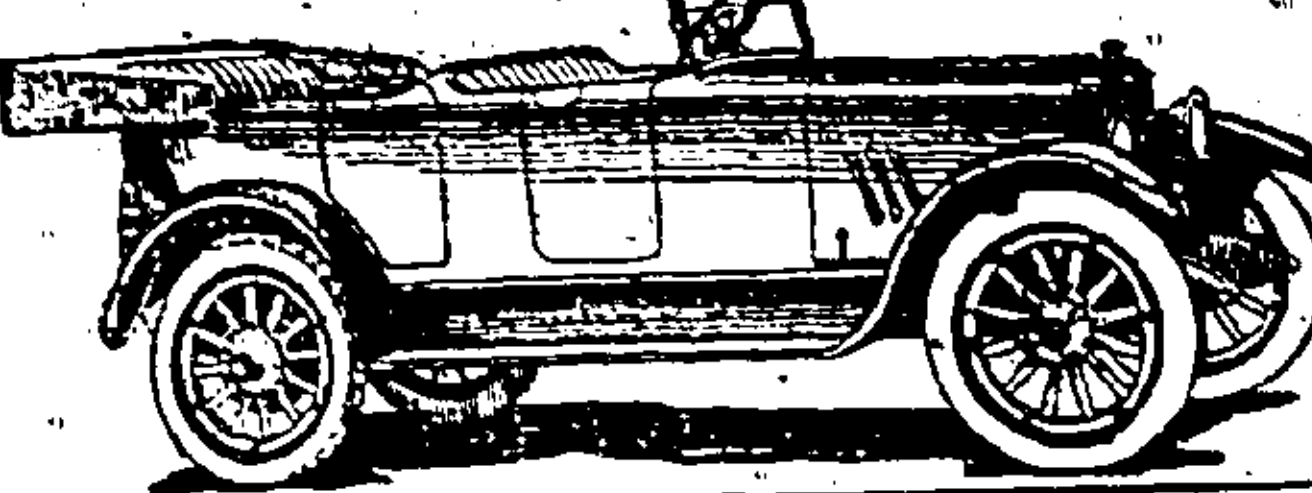
G. Peters of the s.s. "William H. Webb" said he was sure neither of the defendants had a revolver in his possession when they left the ship as he was in their room while they were dressing to come ashore. Their pockets did not show any signs of containing anything heavy.

Addressing the defendants the Magistrate said that he was satisfied that the revolver belonged to first defendant and that he had drawn it. It was a serious offence to threaten people with revolvers, and he would pass sentence of three months' hard labour. With regard to second defendant he believed that he had picked up first defendant's revolver, and would pass sentence of six weeks' hard labour in his case.

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CORE EXECUTIONS.

CONDEMNED SINN FEINERS SHOT IN PAIRS.

SENSATION IN DUBLIN.

LONDON, February 28.

The six Sinn Feiners mentioned yesterday were executed at Cork. They were shot in pairs. News of the executions caused a sensation in Dublin where there was great military activity. The National University was occupied by troops who searched the students. Many offices in Sackville Street were searched.

SINN FEIN'S SPEEDY REVENGE.

LONDON, March 1.

Evidently in revenge for the execution at Cork yesterday morning of six Sinn Feiners condemned for participation in an ambush and illegally possessing arms, armed civilians attacked unarmed soldiers there last night. It is officially reported that five were killed and eleven wounded.

LONDON CONFERENCE.

FRENCH PREMIER'S SATISFACTION.

PARIS, February 27.

The French Premier, now in London expressed satisfaction at the results so far obtained regarding the Near East question the prospects of whose settlement are now decidedly brighter.

Another happy result of the conference is the tightening of the bonds uniting France and England—Vale.

PANAMA AND COSTA RICA.

THREATENED WAR REPORTED AVERTED.

WASHINGTON, March 1.

The Panama Charge d'Affaires announces that the threatened war between Panama and Costa Rica appears to have been averted by the surrender of the Costa Rican force in toto.

CATTLE DISEASE IN EUROPE.

KOVNO, March 1.

The international veterinary congress called to discuss the spread of cattle disease passed a resolution in favour of closing the frontiers of the Baltic States to the fodder of cattle, and the establishment of a cattle germ institution in Lithuania.

CHINA'S POSSIBILITIES.

FRANCE'S KEEN FINANCIAL INTEREST.

PARIS, February 27.

The former premier, M. Painlevé's recent mission to China is resulting in French financial circles having their attention called to China's splendid possibilities. Leading French business houses and banks have now taken participation in the Banque Industrielle de Chine which specializes for the Eastern field. The Banque de Paris et Pays Bas is heading that group which intends devoting special attention to planning and carrying on public interest works in China.—Vale.

PERSIAN PROCLAMATION.

PARIS, March 1.

A message from Teheran states that the new Premier issued a proclamation outlining the reorganization of the army, the distribution of lands, and the reform of the administration of justice, declaring that the Anglo-Persian agreement was not maintained and the Russo-Persian agreement will be signed and capitulations will be abolished.

TYPHUS SCARE.

NEW YORK PRECAUTIONS MORE STRINGENT.

NEW YORK, March 1.

The stringency of the precautions against typhus are being increased. European passengers are prevented from landing until accommodation is available on the quarantine island. Some 750 passengers were sent to Hoffman's Island to-day for observation.

SHIPPING LAW.

AN AMERICAN SUPREME COURT DECISION.

WASHINGTON, March 1.

The Supreme Court has decided that merchant vessels in the service of the United States or belonging to friendly states may be libelled (laid under embargo pending legal proceedings) in American ports.

SOVIET DENOUNCED BY AMERICAN LABOUR.

WASHINGTON, March 1.

The Federation of Labour has issued a manifesto furiously denouncing the Soviet's ruthless tyranny and systematic extermination of organized workers, giving as an instance the refusal of bread cards to the families of strikers, death sentences, and the prohibition of speeches at labour meetings.

TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

EX-SERVICE MEN.

FIRST EMPIRE CONFERENCE OPENS.

BOND OF COMRADESHIP.

CAPE TOWN, March 1.

The first Empire conference of ex-Service men, for which Earl Haig travelled to South Africa, has opened. General Smuts in an eloquent speech declared that the object of the conference was to perpetuate the wartime spirit of comradeship and also to promote the welfare of ex-Service men. He hoped that the conference would help to advise the governments on that matter, especially as it was the true and honest desire of all the Empire governments and peoples to do their utmost to meet cases of hardship. Earl Haig, who received an ovation, dwelt on the Empire spirit which had linked British troops from all parts of the world during the war. The meeting was the first open acknowledgment of the bond forged by common risks, hardships, and sacrifices, and the first step to form an Empire legion to bind all ex-Service men. A letter conveying good wishes was read from the King.

SENATE APPROVES EMERGENCY TARIFF BILL.

WASHINGTON, March 1.

The Senate has approved the Fordney Emergency Tariff Bill.

BOLSHEVIKS OCCUPY TIFLIS.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 1.

The Bolsheviks occupied Tiflis on Friday. The Georgian Government has withdrawn to Kutais. In response to the Kemalists' demands the Georgians evacuated Artvin and Ardahan.

WOMEN JURORS.

THE CENTRAL DIFFICULTY.

PECULIAR PROBLEMS.

With the appearance of women as jurors at the Old Bailey a much-debated change in the law has come into full operation under the national eye, which is apt to be fixed on the Central Criminal Court from time to time at least as attentively as upon any other centre of events. The first jury empanelled before the Recorder included two women, and it happened that the first two cases tried were of the simplest possible character, no evidence being offered by the prosecution, and the accused being acquitted without the jury leaving the box. Such real difficulty, in fact, as may arise in connection with the summoning of women upon juries has still to be encountered, and it cannot be very far ahead, for neither at the Old Bailey nor at the other London criminal courts, where the change is also being put in operation, does any long time pass without the coming on of a case that must raise the question in one form or another. It has hardly been realised, perhaps, by many who approved on general principles the provision of the Sex Disqualification Removal Act that it does much more than take away a disability. It imposes a duty; a duty, moreover, which the vast majority of male citizens have always found burdensome, and very often distressing in the extreme. The applications made by women for exemption at Old Bailey yesterday tell only a part of the story, and it may be noted, too, that the Common Serjeant showed a leniency in granting some of them which was probably wise, but which differed very considerably from the treatment of such requests when preferred by male citizens. One applicant was excused, after some demur, on her declaration, "I am so awfully nervous that I don't think I am suitable." If the discretion of the Court were to be exercised habitually in this sense, a peculiar and not very agreeable situation, it would seem, must be expected to arise, the nature of it being plainly suggested by the same applicant's rejoinder to the Common Serjeant's remark that if he accepted that excuse he might "get no ladies at all." "I am sure," she replied swiftly, "there are numbers who would enjoy it." Taking that observation in a sense which will occur to most people, the experience of the Courts, both civil and criminal, confirms it only too strongly, but it was certainly not the intention of Parliament that only those women should serve

on juries who "enjoy" listening to cases of a kind with which masculine prejudice would rather they had nothing to do. This matter of sordid or scandalous cases is, of course, the central difficulty of the new provision of law, and the Judges, we believe, do not relish the prospect of being called on to deal with it. The Statute allows any woman to claim exemption "by reason of the nature of the evidence to be given or the issues to be tried," but the Judge has to decide whether it shall be granted, and the Judge is empowered to order, if he sees fit, that a jury "shall be composed of men or of women only, as the case may require." But Judges may, and probably will, differ very widely in their practice in exercising these discretionary powers, and Mr. Justice Greek has told us that they would, as a body, have preferred that no such powers had been given them. When, at the end of this month, women jurors make their appearance in the Divorce Division, we may see more of the working of the system in practice, though the criminal courts alone are likely to test it sharply enough. Not many women, we venture to think, have any conception of what juries are called upon to listen to in many different classes of cases, or of the intensity of the strain put upon the nerve of a juror in many cases into which this question of the proprieties does not enter. It is no light thing, for instance, to see a prisoner under the shadow of an impending long sentence of imprisonment or a defendant threatened with ruin and disgrace. The responsibility thrown upon the Bench is all the greater, and we have some distance to go yet before the peculiar problems raised by the new law are in the way of practical solution.—Daily Telegraph.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in reservoirs on the 1st February, 1921.—

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

1920	1921
Tylian 5 ft. 3 in. Below	18 ft. 9 in. Below overflow.
Tylian Reservoir 25 ft. 2 in. Below overflow.	28 ft. 3 in. Do.
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CONSUMPTION OF WATER IN THE CITY AND HILL DISTRICT IN MILLIONS AND DECIMALS OF GALLONS DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY.

1920	1921
Consumption	102.57
Normal population	27,850
Consumption per head	25.4
Constant supply in all districts during January of both 1920 and 1921.	

KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

1920	1921
Kowloon Reservoir 10 ft. 6 in. Below overflow.	10 ft. 6 in. Below overflow.
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CONSUMPTION OF WATER IN KOWLOON IN MILLIONS AND DECIMALS OF GALLONS DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY.

1920	1921
Consumption	47.59
Normal population	11,450
Consumption per head	4.15
Constant supply in all districts during January of both 1920 and 1921.	

THE GOVERNMENT ANALYST'S REPORTS SHOW THAT THE WATER IS OF EXCELLENT QUALITY.

Public Works Department.

T. L. FRANKLIN, Water Authority.

A FAMILY NECESSITY.

Every family should be provided with Chamberlain's Pain Balm at all times. Sprains may be cured in much less time when promptly treated. Lame back, lame shoulder pains in the side and chest and rheumatic pains are some of the diseases for which it is especially valuable. Try this liniment and become acquainted with its qualities and you will never wish to be without it. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

THEATRE ROYAL.

TJ-NIGHT'S PERFORMANCE.

"ARMS AND THE MAN."

It looks as though the Theatre Royal will be well filled to-night to see Bernard Shaw's amusing play "Arms and the Man." The booking at Moutrie's has been very brisk, and it is evident that great interest has been displayed in this production. And it is not to be wondered at, for we do not remember ever having had the opportunity of witnessing a Shaw play before in Hongkong. It is a well known fact that Shaw "plays" better than he "reads" and this, no doubt, accounts for the good booking.

The Warwick Comedy Company's season is strictly limited to five nights. To-morrow's performance will be a particularly interesting one, for we shall have the opportunity of seeing the authors of "The Last Act" in their own play and also have the chance of witnessing it before London audiences do so. Mr. Aubrey Smith has purchased the play for presentation in London during the coming season, so to-morrow night's production will be doubly interesting. For the remaining three nights of the season Mr. Warwick will stage "Captain Drew," a delightful domestic comedy by that master of comedy, Hubert Henry Davies; "When we were twenty-one," Edmond's most successful play; and for Saturday, the farewell performance, a repetition of "Brown Sugar" which made such a big "hit" here when the company played it during their first season.

The plans are at Moutrie's as usual.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

MESSRS. LITTLE ADAMS & WOOD, have REMOVED their Offices to the New Building on Murray Battery, Lower Albert Road.

Hongkong, March 1, 1921.

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SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE, HONGKONG.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY will be held in the City Hall, on FRIDAY, 11th March, at 5.30 p.m.

For the following purposes:—

- To receive the report of the Committee and statement of accounts for the past year.
- To elect the Officers and Committee for the ensuing year.
- To consider the manner in which next St. George's Day shall be celebrated.
- To transact any other business of which due notice has been given.

All members are requested to attend.

C. BLAKER, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, March 1, 1921.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

FRIDAY, March 4, 1921,

commencing at 2.30 p.m.

at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street,

6 Water Colour Sketches.

On view now.

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SATURDAY, March 5, 1921,

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Hongkong, March 1, 1921.

TO SECRETARIES OF CLUBS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

ALL preliminary notices of forthcoming meetings, lectures and entertainments, sent for insertion in the news columns of the China Mail are charged for at the rate of \$1 each (as announced in May and June of last year) providing that they do not occupy more than four lines. In future if this space is exceeded they will be placed in the advertising columns at the prevailing rates.

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SPORT.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

UNIVERSITY v. R.G.A.

This league match, which was played on the University ground, proved to be a very close and interesting game. In spite of the fact that the University had the services of Mr. Ponsby-Fane, and Mr. Kennett of the Navy, the Artillery, who played very pretty cricket, managed to snatch a victory by the narrow margin of 23 runs.

The scores were—

R.G.A.		UNIVERSITY.	
Capt. Davies, b. Yeoh	1	D. K. Samy, b. Graham	11
Lt. Chester, b. Yeoh	10	E. K. Ching, b. Davies	1
Sgt. Barchard, run out	9	T. E. Yeoh, b. Davies	0
C. S. M. Williams, b. Kennett	7	E. G. Kennett, b. Barchard	55
Major Bagnall, c. Cheah, b. Kennett	29	H. C. Hunt, b. Davies	5
Bdr. Baker, a. Barney, b. Freeborn	18	L. T. Pun, b. Davies	6
Gnr. Cousins, c. T. E. Yeoh, b. Kennett	29	R. Ponsby-Fane, c. Barchard, b. Davies	1
Lt. Parkes, run out	9	M. H. Roffey, b. Baker	15
Lt. Graham, not out	4	T. L. Cheah, b. Baker	13
Sgt. Stevens, c. Roffey, b. Yeoh	0	J. H. R. Freeborn, b. Barchard	0
Gnr. Dyer, b. Kennett	4	R. W. Barney, not out	8
Extras	18	Extras	8
Total	133	Total	115

Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Kennett	10.2	2	4
T. E. Yeoh	8	2	39
Freeborn	5	2	22
Samy	2	0	17

UNIVERSITY.

O.	M.	R.	W.
D. K. Samy, b. Graham	11	1	1
E. K. Ching, b. Davies	1	0	1
T. E. Yeoh, b. Davies	0	0	1
E. G. Kennett, b. Barchard	55	1	1
H. C. Hunt, b. Davies	5	1	1
L. T. Pun, b. Davies	6	1	1
R. Ponsby-Fane, c. Barchard, b. Davies	1	1	1
M. H. Roffey, b. Baker	15	1	1
T. L. Cheah, b. Baker	13	1	1
J. H. R. Freeborn, b. Barchard	0	1	1
R. W. Barney, not out	8	1	1
Extras	8	1	1
Total	115	1	1

Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Davies	12	5	24
Graham	9	0	48
Baker	6	1	19
Barchard	3	1	16

THE LEAGUE TABLE.

F.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Civil Service	7	6	1	0
R.G.A.	7	5	2	0
C.R.C.	8	3	2	12
Craigengower	8	3	2	11
K.C.C.	6	3	1	2
H.K.C.C.	6	3	1	2
I.R.C.	8	2	4	2
University	8	1	4	3
Staffs	8	0	8	0

CHAMPIONSHIP TENNIS.

THE ENTRIES.

The following are the entries for the H.K.C.C. annual tennis tournament for the Championship of the Colony and the Club Championship. There are altogether seven events—two open and the rest confined to the members of the Club. The entries in every event are very encouraging, and some very good tennis should be witnessed—

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES.

1st Round.
Byes—W. E. Crocker, L. Nelson, Ng See Kwong, M. W. Lo, H. W. Sassoon, D. J. Valentine, S. H. Ismail, G. W. Sewell, M. H. Lo, J. Rodger, Jr., A. H. Crook and W. H. Drummond.
Surg.-Lieut. Comdr. G. H. Hayes v. O. Rumjahn.
R. M. Henderson v. Surg.-Lieut. H. Morrison.
Yew Man Tsun v. Wong Po Keung.
Major H. Greenaway v. L. Forster.
K. Yamazaki v. J. M. W. Meares.
Byes—R. Hamada, Capt. Leslie Smith, K. W. Lane, S. A. Rumjahn, M. K. Lo, A. B. Raworth, M. D. C. Sandberg, Major C. Willson, J. B. Penman, Comdr. G. H. Brady, A. D. Humphreys, E. Townsend, A. Kawaguchi, A. A. Rumjahn.
OPEN DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP.
1st Round.
A. B. Raworth and Capt. P. Havelock-Davies v. R. Hancock and H. Hancock.
H. Krebs and E. E. Brown v. Ng See Kwong and Choe Man Ping.
R. M. Henderson and R. C. Cromie v. F. A. Dinsdale and C. C. Stark.
E. Winfield and C. E. Wilkinson v. Comdr. A. E. Johnston and Surg.-Lieut. H. Morrison.
E. de Sousa and F. Prata v. G. Miskin and E. G. Grimble.
Sydney Ng and Y. C. Chow v. Wong Po Keung and Y. Yanovich.
Capt. C. S. Fisher and Lieut. A. S. Lindell v. J. B. Penman and A. D. Humphreys.
S. H. Ismail and A. A. Rumjahn v. Major C. Willson and L. Forster.
Lieut.-Col. F. J. Bowen and Col. L. Humphrey v. K. Yamazaki and H. Hancock.
M. D. C. Sandberg and C. C. Zevayn v. B. W. Eradbury and E. Fischer.

S. Rumjahn and O. Rumjahn v. Major H. M. Edwards and R. Townsend.

J. Rodger, Jr. and G. S. Rodger v. Major H. Greenaway and Capt. C. O. Oliver.
J. E. Wood and G. R. Sayer v. G. M. Dodwell and J. M. W. Meares.
A. H. Crook and A. D. Ball v. W. E. Crocker and F. Millard.
E. Abraham and J. Stalker v. G. W. Sewell and D. J. Valentine.
K. W. Lane and Yew Man Tsun v. Capt. Leslie Smith and J. S. Jennings.
Challenge Round.
M. W. and M. K. Lo (Holders 1920).

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.

1st Round.
Byes—Major C. Willson, E. G. Grimble, F. A. Dinsdale.
Capt. C. Leslie Smith v. G. W. Sewell.
Major H. M. Edwards v. C. C. Stark.
K. W. Lane v. H. W. Sassoon.
R. M. Henderson v. W. H. Drummond.
A. H. Crook v. J. B. Penman.
J. Rodger, Jr. v. Capt. P. Havelock-Davies.
J. H. R. Freeborn v. G. M. Dodwell.
A. D. Humphreys v. D. J. Valentine.
Capt. C. O. Oliver v. L. Nelson.
A. B. Raworth v. J. S. Jennings.
Byes—G. Miskin, Major H. Greenaway, L. Forster.
HANDICAP SINGLES "A."
1st Round.
Byes—T. H. King + 3/6; L. Nelson + 3/6; Lieut.-Col. Nicholson + 15/1; Surg.-Lieut. G. H. Hayes + 1/6; M. H. Roffey + 15 v. Major H. M. Edwards + 1/6.
A. B. Raworth + 4/6 v. J. W. Alabaster + 3/6.
C. C. Stark + 4/6 v. Capt. P. H. Davies + 1/6.
H. W. Sassoon + 15 v. G. W. Sewell + 2/6.
J. B. Penman + 5/6 v. G. Miskin + 4/6.
D. J. Valentine + 5/6 v. L. Forster + 15.
Major J. R. Lloyd + 3/6 v. J. M. W. Meares + 1/6.
Byes—Capt. C. S. Fisher + 15/1; N. L. Smith + 3/6; Major C. Willson + 4/6; R. M. Henderson + 1/6; G. M. Dodwell + 3/6.

HANDICAP SINGLES "B."

1st Round.
Byes—C. B. Brown Scratch; Capt. Tomory + 2/6; B. Crowley + 4/6; C. Blaker + 1/6; W. B. Cornaby Scratch; K. W. Lane + 3/6; E. A. G. May Scratch.
D. M. Larkins + 4/6 v. D. K. Valentine + 4/6.
Byes—H. S. Bennett + 15; J. H. R. Freeborn + 15; H. Greenwood + 4/6; Lieut. C. H. Larkom + 15; B. Peterson + 4/6; E. F. Caville + 4/6; T. R. Chassels + 4/6; H. V. Dawson + 2/6.
MEN'S HANDICAP DOUBLES.
1st Round.
Byes—E. Abraham and J. Stalker + 15; Capt. H. A. M. Tomory and Capt. T. C. R. Archer + 15; E. A. G. May and G. M. Dodwell Scratch.
Major C. Willson and Lieut.-Col. F. J. Bowen + 15/3 v. N. L. Smith and Capt. J. E. Warner + 4/6.
R. M. Henderson and J. H. R. Freeborn + 2/6 v. J. B. Penman and A. D. Humphreys + 15/3.
A. H. Crook and A. D. Ball + 3/6 v. Major H. M. Edwards and Major Timmis + 4/6.
T. H. King and C. Blaker + 2/6 v. J. W. Alabaster and G. W. Sewell Scratch.
Capt. C. S. Fisher and Lieut. A. S. Lindell Scratch v. J. S. Jennings and C. E. Wilkinson + 15/3.
G. Miskin and E. G. Grimble + 2/6 v. F. H. Farthing and J. Rodger, Jr. + 3/6.
T. E. Winfield and M. E. F. Airey + 15/2 v. H. Greenwood and E. G. Eliams + 15/1.
D. M. Larkins and W. B. Cornaby + 15 v. H. Humphreys and J. D. Humphreys + 15.
E. A. Dinsdale and C. C. Stark Scratch v. Lieut. C. J. Larkom and Capt. D. R. Wahl + 5/6.
H. V. Dawson and A. H. K. Cobb + 15/1 v. M. M. Maas and A. B. Raworth + 4/6.
Byes—J. R. Wood and G. R. Sayer + 5/6; M. H. Roffey and L. Forster + 3/6; D. J. Valentine and R. K. Valentine + 4/6.
MIXED DOUBLES HANDICAP.
1st Round.
Byes—A. D. Humphreys and Mrs. Armstrong + 15/3; Major J. R. Lloyd and Mrs. Lloyd + 15; C. C. Stark and Mrs. Stark + 5/6; Lieut.-Col. Nicholson and Mrs. Gompertz + 15; W. H. Drummond and Mrs. Drummond + 15.
N. L. Smith and Mrs. Smith + 2/6 v. G. W. Sewell and Mrs. C. B. Brown + 2/6.
C. B. Brown and Miss D. Stevens + 5/6 v. Major C. Willson and Mrs. Bowen + 3/6.
Lieut.-Col. F. J. Bowen and Miss V. Bowen Scratch v. Capt. C. O. Oliver and Miss M. Kirkpatrick + 3/6.
Col. L. Humphrey and Mrs. Timmis + 15/2 v. Rev. H. S. Crole-Rees and Mrs. Bowden-Smith + 15.
Major H. Greenaway and Miss Burdett + 30 v. J. R. Wood and Mrs. Caville + 2/6.
Byes—F. A. Dinsdale and Miss D. Taylor + 2/6; G. R. Sayer and Mrs. Sayer + 3/6; A. H. Crook and Mrs. Crook + 15/2; Capt. C. S. Fisher and Mrs. Hamilton Berners + 2/6; L. Forster and Dr. Gladys Turner + 15; Major H. G. Bagnall and Mrs. Bagnall Scratch.
+ Receives.
— Ows.

SHOOTING.

A NEW RECORD.

A new local record, under the League conditions (N. R. A. King's Prize 2nd stage) was established at King's Park on Friday evening last, when Corp. C. A. Grimes, H.K.V.D.C., who was practising for the probable forthcoming Interport shoot, made the remarkable score of 143 out of a possible 150.

The score, which follows, is vouched for by reliable witnesses—
200 Yards 5545555555 49
500 " 5545555555 48
600 " 5535555553 46
Total 143

The previous record, 139, was held by the same marksmen, who has put up this score twice this season in competitions.

"TAMAR" v. DOCKYARD.

The following are the scores of a match in the Hongkong Rifle League, H.M.S. "Tamar" and R.N. Dockyard Recreation Club, fired at Tai Hang Range, resulting in a win for H.M.S. "Tamar":

"TAMAR."		DOCKYARD RECREATION CLUB.	
Mr. Brazendale	200 500 600 Pts.	Mr. Young	200 500 600 Pts.
Mr. Clamow	40 43 39 122	Mr. Crocker	39 44 40 123
Mr. Botting	38 42 39 119	Mr. McGowan	36 39 34 109
Mr. Helman	38 44 37 119	Mr. Williams	40 34 32 103
Mr. Selby	33 38 34 105	Mr. Johnston	40 36 35 111
Mr. Snell	37 36 30 103	Mr. Dongeycar	34 38 27 99
Mr. Allen	41 30 28 99	Mr. Drew	38 32 27 97
Mr. Way	32 29 25 86	Mr. King Salter	30 20 23 73
Total	863	Total	811

DOCKYARD RECREATION CLUB.

The following table shows the positions of the season's teams in the League up to the 22nd of February:

THE LEAGUE TABLE.

Team	Fired	Won	Lost	Points	To Play
H.K.V.D.C.	10	10	0	20	2
H.M.S. "Hawkins"	9	6	3	12	3
H.M.S. "Tamar"	8	6	2	12	4
H.M.S. "Titania"	10	5	5	10	2
R.N. Dockyard	7	4	3	8	5
H.K. Police	6	4	2	8	6
H.M.S. "Ambrose"	10	3	7	6	2
W.H.S. Company	8	2	6	4	4
H.M.S. "Alacrity"	7	1	6	2	3
H.M.S. "Curlew"	7	1	6	2	3
W.H.S. Company	3	0	3	0	7
W.H.S. D. Company	5	0	5	0	9

"TAMAR" v. MUSKETRY STAFF.

The teams of H.M.S. "Tamar" and Musketry Staff have arranged to shoot off their match on Saturday next at 2 p.m. at King's Park Range. Both these teams belong to H.M.S. "Tamar" and an interesting match is anticipated.

The "Tamar" have already given a good account of themselves and a win for them would place them in a good position in the League Table.

BILLIARDS.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

The first match in connection with the tournament for the Billiards Championship of the Colony since the Races, and one of the most interesting in the series, will be played at the Victoria Recreation Club on Friday evening at 8.30 o'clock when Mr. W. Pitt meets Mr. Leung Kam-kong, the winner of the League Kangaroo, the semi-final of the tournament. Both players were one time champions of the Colony, and consequently a keen and close struggle is assured. One of the two players is expected to contest the Championship with Mr. Yvanovich the present holder of the title.
The admission charge for this match will be \$1. members and Service men 50 cents.
Mr. J. Rodger will act as umpire.

HO KONG TONG CUPS.

Last night's play at the Palace Hotel, Kowloon, in connection with the tournament for the above cups resulted in "T. B. Gokling" (-300) defeating G. Haigh (-125) 250-200; and Wong Po-hong (-200) beating A. Andrews (-50) 250-177.
The best breaks of the evening were—Gokling 41, 36, 35, 26, 26, 24, 23, 21, 19, 18, 17, 16, 15; Haigh, 31, 22, 17, 16; Wong, 32, 30, 23, 22, 19, 17; and Andrews, 22, 21 and 16.

TO-NIGHT'S GAMES.

To-night the following games will be played—
8 p.m.—C. Thomas (-100) v. Ho Sai-man (-150).
9 p.m.—W. J. Drew (-100) v. W. Pitt (-300).

OBITUARY.

CAPT. A. C. PLANT.

It will be, with deep regret that a large circle of friends in the Far East will learn of the death at sea of Captain A. C. Plant, River Inspector of the Upper Yangtze for the Chinese Maritime Customs, whose remains arrived in the Colony yesterday by the s.s. "Telesia," on which ship Captain and Mrs. Plant were travelling home from Shanghai. The deceased Captain who was in apparent good health when he boarded the vessel at Shanghai, died suddenly from double pneumonia when two days out of port. Much sympathy will be felt for Mrs. Plant in her sad bereavement.

The late Captain Plant was one of the best known and oldest skippers in "China." For many years he was the first man to take a shallow draft steamboat as far up river as Chinkiang, a feat which was much commented upon at the time, and had its result in a regular service being established. The deceased also piloted many vessels over the rapids of the upper reaches, included among them being several of H.M. gunboats. His handbook dealing with navigation of the Upper Yangtze is well known to seafaring men in the East. During his connection with the Chinese Maritime Customs, he was responsible for many improvements, the most valuable of which was the provision of a system of signals and buoys as aids to navigation through the gorges and rapids of Ichang and Chinkiang. We understand that at the desire of Mrs. Plant, who has gone to hospital suffering from shock, the remains of the deceased Captain will be embalmed here and conveyed to England for interment.

CAPT. C. M. L. GUMBEY.

Another old skipper passed away in the person of Captain C. M. L. Gumbey, a well-known figure in local shipping circles, who died at the French Hospital, Causeway Bay, yesterday morning from haemorrhage. Captain Gumbey, who was 49 years of age, had been for many years in the service of Jardine's, and was a much valued officer. A man of very agreeable disposition, he endeared himself to everyone who met him. He took a very keen interest in swimming and had given many prizes for local aquatic sports. He was a friend of friends and his death will be looked upon as a personal loss by many. The funeral took place this morning.

WOULD-BE MILLIONAIRE.

AUDACITY AND FINESSE.

PENLESS MAN'S BIG DEAL.

A man who by sheer audacity and finesse succeeded in purchasing a camp of war stores for \$1,000,000 francs without possessing a penny—such is the remarkable story told of Léonce Surain, of Tonnesins, in the Lot-et-Garonne, who has been arrested on charges of theft, abuse of confidence, and corruption of officials at the camp of Saint Sulpice, near Bordeaux. Surain, a man 49 years of age, was consumed with a big ambition. He wanted to be a millionaire, and he conceived the idea of becoming the owner of the camp of Saint Sulpice, in which huge stocks were accumulated. He had not a sou to call his own, but by dint of manoeuvres cleverly executed he managed to obtain possession of the camp, and kept it for three days without making any deposit. During these three days he laboured assiduously, and it is said, removed those portions of the stocks which attracted him most. Inquiry shows that a few months ago he had collected several hundred thousand francs as the result of his doings at the camp of Saint Sulpice. Surain, backed up by his audacity, might have continued his successful career, but unfortunately for him, there was a woman in the case. It was because he had abandoned her that the woman gave him away.

PASSENGERS.

DEPARTURES.

Per s.s. "Persia Maru," yesterday—
Mrs. G. S. C. Badger, Mrs. R. A. Dodi, Miss E. G. George, Mrs. A. G. Gano, Mr. A. H. Hampton, Mr. E. G. Herrore, Mr. M. Leandros, Mr. C. E. Purington, Mrs. J. P. Powell, Mr. M. Rosenberg, Mrs. J. E. Scott, Mr. R. E. Thompson, Mrs. J. A. Taylor, and Mr. I. F. Weinstein.
Per s.s. "Telesia," to-day—
Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Mr. Arthur, Mr. McBain, Mr. and Mrs. Burnett, Mr. and Mrs. Barr, Mr. E. Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Demaree, Mr. E. Van Deth, Mr. Fawcett, Mr. S. Foratough, Mr. J. M. Forsyth, Miss Fraser, Lieut. H. C. Guesney, 2 N. N., Mr. and Mrs. Hewlett, Mr. and Mrs. Barr, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Iwata, Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy, Rev. L. M. M. and Mrs. Major, Mrs. Matheson, Mr. Miller, Mrs. Monserret, Mr. N. McLeod, Mrs. Ransom, Mr. and Mrs. J. Stewart, Miss M. J. Stewart, Mrs. F. A. Wells, Miss J. M. Wells, Mr. J. D. M. Whamond and Mr. Wheeler.

WEATHER REPORT.

March 1d. 11h. Sun.—Pressure has decreased moderately to slightly at all stations, except at Weihaiwei, where it has increased slightly, and in the extreme South where it is nearly stationary. A depression is shown over China.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.04 inch. Total since January 1st, 1.25 inches, against an average of 5.17 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on March 2nd.

1.—Hongkong to Gar. Rock, southerly winds, light to moderate; fair.
2.—Formosa Channel. The same as No. 1.
3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamock. The same as No. 1.
4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY.

HONGKONG, DAILY WEATHER.

RECAP.

MARCH 1, 1921.—a.m.

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Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind.		
					Direction.	Force.	Weather.
Vladivostok	5 a.	29.85	23		N	3	o
Yennan	5 a.						
Takodai	5 a.						
Tokio	5 a.						
Singapore	5 a.						
Kagasaki	5 a.						
Kobe	5 a.						
Yokohama	5 a.						
Manila	5 a.						
Shanghai	5 a.						
Amoy	5 a.						
Swatow	5 a.						
Hankow	5 a.						
Wuchow	5 a.	29.84	34	78	ENE	6	of
Chungking	5 a.						
Chongqing	5 a.						
Yichang	5 a.						
Wanchow	5 a.						
Shanghai	5 a.	29.71	59	89	N	2	b
Amoy	5 a.	29.69	63	100	ENE	2	b
Swatow	7 a.	29.69	64	90	ENE	2	b
Hankow	6 a.	29.77	65	95	NE	2	b
Wuchow	6 a.	29.77	65	95	NE	2	b
Chungking	6 a.	29.76	66	96			
Chongqing	6 a.	29.70	70				bf
Yichang	6 a.	29.60	73		SW	0	b
Wanchow	6 a.	29.81	73		SW	0	b
Shanghai	6 a.	29.80	72		SW	0	b
Amoy	6 a.	29.80	72		SW	0	b
Swatow	6 a.	29.74	68	95	ENE	2	o
Hankow	6 a.	29.78	71	95	ENE	2	o
Wuchow	6 a.	29.74	68	100	SE	2	of
Chungking	8 a.						
Chongqing	8 a.	30.66	68	98	ENE	4	of
Yichang	8 a.	29.72	73	98	SEW	4	of
Wanchow	6 a.	29.81	73	92		0	o
Shanghai	6 a.	29.84	73	91	SE	1	b
Amoy	6 a.	29.85	75	91	SE	1	b
Swatow	6 a.	29.83	75	91	SE	1	b
Hankow	6 a.	29.78	77	83	SE	1	o
Wuchow	6 a.	29.61	76	96	SE	1	o
Chungking	6 a.	29.87			NE	4	o
Chongqing	6 a.	29.80	80	91	SW	4	o

